

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, January 11, 1843, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, January 11, 1843.

My dear Mr. Blair, . . . how I regret the growing dispute between you and Mr. Kendall. I have read his letter and your reply. I have wrote him to see you, face to face. There must have been busy bodies who has had too easy access to his Mr. K. ears, those who he has taken for friends, whose object no doubt were to create a coolness and enmity between you and profit by the result. This must be the case for I can, from your letter, see no cause for his enmity, that appears he has cherished against you. But his distresses has been waying him down, and altho your generous aid ought to have filled him with gratitude, the secrete busy bodys has been at work to poison his mind by falshoods, to produce a breach between you, and thereby injure you both. But I pray you, as I have wrote him, to have a personal interview, calmly to converse over the matter, and it must end in a restoration of friendship. 1 I have no doubt, if Duff Green is near, but he is one of the busy bodies concerned in this secrete effort. The public printing Duff is looking to no doubt, and he would be guilty of any foul act to obtain it, but I cannot think, bound as Mr. K. [is] by gratitude to you and Rives for your liberality to him how could he foster the wretch that would attempt to undermind you. May god preserve you and yours, and prosper and guard you from all secrete enemies.

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¹ The quarrel between Blair and Kendall was made up through the mediation of Silas Wright, to whom Jackson appealed for that end. See Blair to Wright, Feb. 20, 1843; Kendall to Wright, Feb. 28, 1843; and Wright to Jackson, Mar. 2, 1843, Jackson MSS.